

Additional Belgian Railway Perfins

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Thanks to eight reports from Perfins Club members, the list of Belgian railway perfins can be increased by 56 types. It was surprising to me that there was little duplication of these types by the eight collectors. Each had from three to twelve types that no one else reported.

As I updated my catalog, I made another interesting observation. For about two dozen of my railway perfin types, I have no corresponding types among my postal issues. Perhaps I have just been unfortunate in that respect, but there are some

elongated patterns that appear likely to be found only in the larger railway issues. I suppose other collectors have found this to be true.

It appears that some punches may have been used primarily as cancels rather than perfins because dates or numbers have also been found with the perfin letters. See chart.

In summary, approximately 150 of the more than 1000 Belgian perfin types have been recorded in railway issues, and I believe that the list will grow.

| H/V | S/S | Pat |
|------|------|-----------|
| A9 | A11 | A.B. |
| A45 | A33 | A.D.C. |
| A47 | A35 | AE/+C |
| A79 | A63 | [AK] |
| A138 | A110 | A+E/V. |
| B1 | B2 | B |
| B68 | B62 | BGB |
| *B86 | -- | BM(+date) |
| C5 | C7 | C. |
| C34 | C29 | CCA |
| D26 | -- | DF |
| D28 | D23 | D.F. |
| D32 | D25 | DFC |
| D58 | D47 | DN/C |
| D77 | D61 | D&Cie |
| E73 | E56 | E.S. |
| E83 | E63 | E.V |
| F28 | F30 | Fcis |
| *F53 | -- | FHS |
| *F61 | F54 | FLV |
| F68 | F60 | FMS |
| *F78 | -- | FRL |
| *-- | -- | FTY? |
| G12 | G12 | G.B.N. |
| G29 | G25 | GF. |
| J19 | F49 | JF |
| J39 | J29 | JPW |
| J46 | -- | J.S. |

| H/V | S/S | Pat |
|------|-------|-----------|
| K3 | K2 | KARTRO |
| K14 | K12 | KV |
| *L13 | -- | L.B.X. |
| L58 | L47 | L.R. |
| L74 | L60.5 | L.W. |
| L79 | L66 | L+H.T |
| M13 | M10 | MB |
| M25 | M17 | M.F |
| M61 | M46 | MR |
| M76 | M56 | M+Co |
| M78 | M59 | M+Co |
| P22 | P16 | P.D./B. |
| P42 | P33 | PR |
| S27 | S25 | S.C. |
| S48 | S42 | S.F. |
| S65 | S57 | S.I. |
| S75 | S65 | S.M.O. |
| S91 | S75 | S.U. |
| T13 | T11 | T.B./P.H. |
| V21 | V16 | V.C. |
| -- | V21.5 | V.D.B. . |
| V32 | V23 | V.D.B. .. |
| V59 | -- | V.GLABER |
| V67 | V48.5 | V.J.V. |
| V86 | V64 | V.W. |
| d22 | n3 | 253 |
| *-- | -- | 71 |

* = possible cancel punch